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In re patent application of

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For: Fixing Device Using Induction Heating and
Method for Producing Same

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

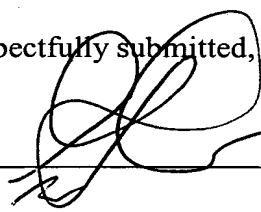
In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the species of **Figures 14a and 14b**, for prosecution in the subject application. **Claims 23 through 27** are readable on the elected species.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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